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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AND  
NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.604(b)  
IDENTIFYING A PUBLISHED PATENT APPLICATION  
FROM WHICH CLAIMS HAVE BEEN COPIED

Sir:

I. Notification Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.604(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.604(b), applicants are presenting claims known to define the same patentable invention claimed in a pending application of another, and applicants hereby identify the published application from which the claims have been copied.

<u>Applicants'</u> <u>Claim No.</u>	<u>Publication No. of</u> <u>Published Application</u>	<u>Published</u> <u>Claim No.</u>
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## II. Second Supplemental Amendment

Please add new claims 144-147 as follows:

144. (New) An anastomotic connector comprising:  
a plurality of clip segments; and  
a plurality of twistable resilient segments that  
interconnect the clip segments.

145. (New) A connector according to claim 144,  
wherein said segments are bendable out of a plane defined by  
said clip segments.

146. (New) A connector according to claim 144,  
wherein a resilience of said attachment segments is defined to  
control a diameter changing behavior of said connector.

147. (New) A connector according to claim 144,  
wherein said clip segments do penetrate target tissue when the  
clip closes, but do not transfix said tissue.

## III. Remarks

Applicants have amended the claims to add new claims  
144-147. Applicants respectfully submit that new claims  
144-147 are fully supported by the original specification and  
drawings and add no new matter.